

PROCURFAIR CONFERENCE

- Promoting Decent Work through Public Procurement in Cleaning & Private Security

VS/2021/0211

[**REGISTRATION LINK**](#)

Date: 16 November 2023, 9am – 4.15pm

Location: Bruxelles, Belgium

Venue: Le Chatelain Hotel, Rue du Châtelain 17, 1000 Bruxelles

Languages: EN/ES/DE/FR/ITA

15 November, 19.30 – Networking reception @ Kamilou, 36 Rue Joseph II, 1000 Bruxelles

We will be organizing an informal evening reception in a relaxed and social manner. This networking event serves as a perfect opportunity for speakers, participants and attendees to connect with colleagues, forge new relationships, and set a positive tone for the day ahead. There will be finger food, beverages and music.

8.15 – 9.00 Arrival and Registration

Coffee and viennoisserie will be served upon arrival

9.00 - 9.40 Opening Remarks

In the opening of the conference, high-level speakers representing the European Commission, trade unions, and industry will welcome conference participants in Brussels. They will talk about how their respective organisations are working on socially responsible public procurement. Their perspectives will provide valuable insights and shape the day's discussion.

- Esther Lynch, General Secretary, ETUC
- European Commission, DG GROW
- Marc Botenga, MEP, The Left
- Zeynep Bicici, IG BAU & President UNI Europa Property Services

9.40 – 11.00 PROCURFAIR Project: Bridging the Gap between Research and Practice

The PROCURFAIR Project (VS/2021/0211) is the first-ever comprehensive research project on public procurement in the cleaning and private security sectors. Throughout its two-year duration, the project researched how public authorities and social partners developed socially responsible public procurement practices across the Industrial Cleaning and Private Security sectors in six countries. Not only does the project make an unique contribution the academic



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field of industrial relations research, but it also shows the way for future policy-making at the EU and national levels.

Keynote speaker:

- Karen Jaehrling, IAQ Duisburg-Essen & Scientific Coordinator PROCURFAIR Project

Researchers working on different projects concerning public procurement will respond to the project findings.

- Eva Katharina Sarter, Institute for Employment Research, University of Warwick, UK
- Catherine Vincent, L'Institut de recherches économiques et sociales (Ires), France

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.30 Roundtable discussion: What can we learn from progressive and problematic practices in public procurement?

Chair: Mark Bergfeld, Director Property Services, UNI Europa

In this roundtable discussion, a panel of esteemed participants, including politicians, business leaders, and trade union representative will explore the practical implications of the PROCURFAIR Project's findings from their perspective. The discussion revolves around the alignment of the project's outcomes with the participants' daily work, enabling them to reflect on the project's relevance, potential challenges, and opportunities for implementation. Through an exchange of perspectives and experiences, the panel aims to foster a deeper understanding of how the PROCURFAIR project can effectively inform and shape policies, strategies, and actions. The roundtable will foster a deeper understanding of the barriers and pave the way for more socially responsible and sustainable procurement practices.

Roundtable participants:

- Lorenzo Mattioli, President EFCI & ANIP, Italy
- Daniel Kroune, MUCEM Museum Marseille, France
- Terje Mikkelsen, Norwegian General Workers Union, NAF
- Katarzyna Duda, OPZZ, Poland

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

During the conference, we will have a networking lunch, providing participants with a valuable opportunity to connect, engage, and expand their professional networks.

14.00 – 15.00 Thematic Breakaway Rooms

There will be thematic breakaway rooms. Breakaway rooms will be in English-only. The main conference room will have simultaneous interpretation.

- **Breakaway room #1:** Tackling Undeclared Work & securing the enforcement of labour standards (Facilitated by the Danish research team)



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- **Breakaway room # 2:** Improving working time, work-life balance & work intensity (Facilitated by: Julie Valentin & Francois-Xavier Devetter)
- **Breakaway room #3:** Guaranteeing stability of employment & working conditions (Facilitated by: Lisa Dorigatti & Anna Mori)

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee-comfort break

15.15 – 16.00 Concluding panel: Making Socially Responsible Public Procurement a Reality - What kind of change does it need?

- Eduardo Cobas, Second Vice Chairman, CoESS
- Penny Clarke, European Public Services Union (EPSU)
- Cinzia Bernardini, Filcams CGIL, Italy
- Stephen Mustchin, The University of Manchester, UK

16.00 – 16.15 Closing Remarks

- Agnes Jongerius, MEP, S&D (video)
- Oliver Roethig, Regional Secretary, UNI Europa (video)
- Enrico Somaglia, Deputy General Secretary, EFFAT

Save the date and reserve your spot for this vital conference by registering through this [REGISTRATION LINK](#). Further details (hotels and venue) as well as speakers will be sent out throughout the next months.

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